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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith for consideration during the prosecution of the subject application. This document is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b) and before the first Official Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed documents be considered and made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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